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KIND - HARTS  
DREAME.

Conteining five Apparitions, vvith their  
Inuectiues against abules rainging.

*Delivered by feuerall Ghosts vnto him to  
be publisht, after Piers Penilesse Post  
had refused the carriage.*

*Inuita Inuidia.*

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## To the Gentlemen Readers.

**I**Thath beene a custome Gentle  
men (in my mind commend-  
able) among former Authors  
(whose workes are no lesse  
beautified with eloquent  
phrase, than garnished with  
excellent example) to begin an exordium to the  
Readers of their time, much more conuenient I  
take it, should the writers in these daies (wherein  
that grauitie of enditing by the elder excercised,  
is not obseru'd, nor that modest decorum kept,  
which they continued) submit their labours to  
the fauourable censures of their learned ouerseers.  
For seeing nothing can be said, that hath not been  
before said, the singulartie of some mens conceits,  
(otherwayes excellent well deseruing) are no more  
to be soothed, than the peremptorie posies of two  
very sufficient Translators commended. To  
come in print is not to seeke praise, but to craue  
pardon: I am vrgd to the one, and bold to begge

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the other, he that offendeth being first, is more excusable than the wilfull faultie, though both be guilty, there is difference in the guilt. To obserue custome, and auoid as I may caull, opposing your fauors against my feare, I shew reason for my present writing, and after proceed to sue for pardon. About three moneths since died M. Robert Greene, leauing many papers in sundry Booke sellers hands, among other his Groatsworth of wit, in which a letter written to diuers play-makers, is offensiuely by one or two of them taken, and because on the dead they cannot be auenged, they wilfully forge in their conceites a liuing Author: and after tossing it two and fro, no remedy, but it must light on me. How I haue all the time of my conuersing in printing hindred the bitter inueying against schollers, it hath been very well knowne, and how in that I dealt I can sufficiently prooue. With neither of them that take offence was I acquainted, and with one of them I care not if I neuer be: The other, whome at that time I did not so much spare, as since I wish I had, for that as I haue moderated the beate of liuing writers, and might haue vsde my owne discretion (especially in such a case) the Author being dead, that I did not, I am as  
sory



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sory, as if the originall fault had beene my fault, because my selfe haue seene his demeanor no lesse ciuill than he excelent in the qualitie he professes: Besides, diuers of worship haue reported, his vprightnes of dealing, which argues his honesty, and his facetious grace in writting, that aprooues his Art. For the first, whose learning I reuerence, and at the perusing of Greenes Booke, stroke out what then in conscience I thought he in some displeasure writ: or had it beene true, yet to publish it, was intollerable: him I would wish to vse me no worse than I deserue. I had onely in the copy this share, it was il written, as sometime Greenes hand was none of the best, licensd it must be, ere it could bee printed which could neuer be if it might not be read. To be breife I writ it ouer, and as neare as I could, followed the copy, onely in that letter I put something out, but in the whole booke not a worde in, for I protest it was all Greenes, not mine nor Maister Nashes, as some vniustly haue affirmed. Neither was he the writer of an Epistle to the second part of Gerileon, though by the workemans error T. N. were set to the end: that I confesse to be mine, and repent it not.

Thus

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Thus Gentlemen, hauing noted the priuate causes, that made me nominate my selfe in print; being aswell to purge Master Nashe of that he did not, as to iustifie what I did, and withall to confirme what M. Greene did: I beseech yee accept the publike cause, which is both the desire of your delight, and common benefite: for though the toy be shadowed vnder the Title of Kind-hearts Dreame, it discouers the false hearts of diuers that wake to commit mischief. Had not the former reasons been, it had come forth without a father: and then shuld I haue had no cause to feare offending, or reason to sue for fauour. Now am I in doubt of the one, though I hope of the other; which if I obtaine, you shall bind me hereafter to bee silent, till I can present yee with some thing more acceptable.

Henrie Chettle.





*Kind-hartes* Dedication of his dreame, to all  
the pleasant conceited yherfoeuer.



Entlemen and good-fellowes,  
(whose kindnes hauing christe-  
ned mee with the name of Kind-  
heart, bindes me in all kind course  
I can to deserue the continuance  
of your loue ) let it not seeme  
strange (I beseech ye) that he that  
all daies of his life hath beene famous for drawing  
teeth; should now in drooping age hazard contem-  
ptible infamie by drawing himselfe into print. For  
such is the folly of this age, so witlesse, so audaci-  
ous, that there are scarce so manye pedlers brag  
themselues to be printers because they haue a bun-  
del of ballads in their packe, as there be idiots that  
thinke themselves Artists, because they can English  
an obligation, or write a true staffe to the tune of  
fortune. This folly raging vniuersally, hath infired  
me, to write the remembrance of sundry of my  
deceased frends, personages not altogether ob-  
scure, for then were my subject base, nor yet of any  
honourable carriage, for my stile is rude and bad :

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and to such as I it belongs not to iest with Gods. Kind-hart would haue his companions esteeme of Estates as starres, on whome meane men maye looke, but not ouer-looke. I haue heard of an eloquent Orator, that trimly furnished with warres abiliments, had on his shield this *Motto Bona fortuna*: yet at the first meeting of the enemy fled without fight. For which being reprooued, he replied. If I haue saued my selfe in this battell by flight, I shal liue to chase the enemy in the next. So Gentlemen fares it with mee, If equiuous misconsterers arme themselves against my simple meaning, and wrest euery iest to a wrong sense. I thinke it policy to fly at the first fight, till I gather fresh forces to re- presse their folly. Neither can they what euer they be, deale hardly with Kind-hart, for he onely deli- uers his dreame; with euery Apparition simply as it was vttered. Its fond for them to fight against ghosts: its fearefull for me to hide an Apparition: by concealing it I might doe my selfe harme and them no good; by reuealing it, ease my hart, and doe no honest men hurt: for the rest (although I would not willingly moue the meanest) they must beare as I doe, or mend it as they may. Well least ye deeme all my dreame but an Epistle. I will proceed to that without any further circumstance.





## *The Dreame.*



Itting alone not long since, not far from *Finsburie*, in a Taphouse of Antiquity, attending the coming of such companions as might wash care away with carowing: Sleepe the attendant vpon a distempred bodies, bereft the sunnes light by couering mine eies with her sable mantle, and left me in nights shade, though the daies eie shinde; so powerfull was my receiued potion, so heauie my passion: whence (by my hostisse care) being remoued to a pleasant parlor, the windowes opening to the East, I was laid softly on a downe bed, and couered with equall furniture, where how long I slept quietly, I am not well assured, but in the time I intended to rest, I was thus by visible apparitions disturbed.

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First after a harsh and confused sound, it seemed there entered at once five personages, severally attired, and diuersly qualified, three bearing instruments, their fauours pleasant; two appearing to be Artists, their countenances reuerend.

The first of the first three was an od old fellow, low of stature, his head was couered with a round cap, his body with a fide skirted tawney coate, his legs and feete trust vppe in leather buskins, his gray haires and furrowed face witnessed his age, his treble violl in his hande, assured me of his profession. On which (by his continuall sawing hauiug left but one string) after his best manner, hee gaue me a huntsvp: whome after a little musing, I assuredly remembered to be no other but old Anthony Now now.

The next, by his sure of ruffet, his buttond cap, his taber, his standing on the toe, and other tricks, I knew to be either the body or resemblance of Tarlton, who liuing for his pleasant conceits was of all men liked, and dying, for mirth left no his like.

The third (as the first) was an olde fellowe, his beard milkewhite, his head couered with a round lowe crownd rent silke hat, on which was a band knit in many knotes, wherein stucke two round sticke after the Iuglers manner. His ierkin was of leather cut, his cloake of three coulours, his hose paind with yellow drawn out with blew, his instrument was a bagpipe, & him I knew to be William



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liam Cuckoe, better knowne than lou'd, and yet some thinke as well lou'd as he was worthy.

The other two had in their countenances a reuerent grace, the one which was the elder, seeming more seuerer, was in habite like a Doctor, in his right hand hee held a Compendium of all the famous Phisitions and Surgions workes beelonging to Theorike, in his lefte hand a table of all instruments for mans health, appertaining to practise.

At the sight of this Doctor, you maye thinke Gentlemen, Kind-hart was in a pitious case: for I verily beleeued he had beene some rare Artist, that taking me for a dead man had come to anatomize me, but taking comfort that my thrumde hat, had hanging at it the ensignes of my occupation, like a tall fellow (as to me it seemed) I lookte him in the face and beheld him to bee maister Doctor Burcot (though a stranger, yet in England for phisicke famous.

With him was the fifth, a man of indifferent yeares, of face amible, of body well proportioned, his attire after the habite of a schollerlike Gentleman, onely his haire was somewhat long, whome I supposed to be Robert Greene, maister of Artes: of whome (howe euer some suppose themselves iniured) I haue learned to speake, considering he is dead, *nill nisi necessarium*.

He was of singuler pleasaunce the verye supporter, and to no mans disgrace bee this intended,

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the only Comedian of a vulgar writer in this country.

Well thus these five appeared, and by them in post past a knight of the post, whome in times past I haue seen as highly promoted as the pillory: but I haue heard since he was a diuell, that plaide the Cariar of Pierce penilesse packet to Lucifer, and was now returning to contaminate the ayre, with his pestilent periuries, and abhominable false witness bearing.

How Pierce his supplication pleased his Patron I know not, but sure I take it this Friend had a foule check for medling in the matter: for when all these five before named had made profer of seuerall bills inuectiue against abuses raigning, this diuelish Messenger repulsed them wrathfully, and bad them get some other to bee their packet bearer if they list, for he had almost hazarded his credit in hell, by beeing a Broker betweene Pierce Penilesse and his Lord: and so without hearing their reply, flew from them like a whirle wind. With that, (after a small pause) in a round ring they compassed my bed, and thrusting into my hand all their papers, they at once charged mee to awake, and publish them to the world.

This charge seemed to mee most dreadfull of all the dreame, because in that the distinguishing of their seuerall voices was heard, farre from the frequent manner of mens speech. In fine, *Cuckoe* with his pipes, and *Antony* with his Crowd, keeping equall



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quall epuipage first left my sight, *Tarlton* with his  
Taber fetchig two or three leaden frisks, shortly  
followed, and the Doctor and maister Greene im-  
mediatly vanished.

With this (not a little amazed as one from a  
trance reuiued) I rouzd vp my selfe: when sodainly  
out of my hand fell the fiue papers, which confir-  
med my dreame to bee no fantasie. Yet (for that I  
knew the times are daungerous) I thought good  
aduisedly to read them, before I presumed to  
make them publick. So by chance light-  
ing first on *Antony nownowe* I found  
on the outside, as follows  
on the other side,

(††)









*The friendly Admonition of Antho-  
nie Now now, to Mopo and  
Pickering, Arch-ouerseers of the  
Ballad singers, in London, or  
else-where.*



Anthony now now a Gods blessing to his  
louing and liuing Bretheren Mopo and  
Pickering greeting, whereas by the daily  
recourse of infinit numbers to the infernall  
regions, whose plaintes to be heard are  
no lesse lamentable, then their paines to be felt intoller-  
able, I am giuen to vnderstand, that there be a company  
of idle youths, loathing honest labour and despising law-  
full trades, betake them to a bagrant and vicious life, in  
euery corner of Cities & market Townes of the Realme  
singing and selling of ballads and pamphletes full of ri-  
baudzie, and all scurrilous vanity, to the p[ro]phanation  
of Gods name, and with-drawing people from christian  
exercises, especially at faires markets and such publike  
meetings, I humbly desire ye that ye ioyne with another  
of your bretheren free of one Citie and p[ro]fession, that  
alwaies delighting in godly songes, is now in his age be-  
taken to his beads, and lieth by the dolefull tolling of  
Deaths bell warning. Deere frendes, I beseech you  
ioyntly to agree to the suppressing of the a forenamed

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idle vagabonds. And that I right incite (as I hope) your forward effectes, I will particularize the difference betweene the abused times among you reputed, and the simplicity of the daies, wherein I lived. Withall I wishe ye to expect no greater matter then Anthonyes capacity can comprehend. When I was liked, there was no thought of that idle vpstart generacion of ballad-singers, neither was there a printer so lewd that would set finger to a lasciuious line. But I perceiue the times are changed, and men are changed in the times. For not long since a number of children were bolstered by some vnwoorthy Citizens and other free men in Townes Corporate to exercise a base libertine life in singing anye thing that came to hand from some of the Diuels instruments, intruders into printings misterie, by whome that excelent Art is not smally slandered, the government of the state not a little blemished, nor Religion in the least measure hindred. And to shut vp al in the last, is it not lamentable that after so many callings, so many blessings, so many warnings, thzough the couetous desire of game of some two or thze, such a flocke of Run-agates shoulde ouerspred the face of this land, as at this time it doth. They that intend to infect a river poison the fountaine, the Basiliske woundeth a man by the eie, whose light first failing the body of force descends to darknes.

These Basilisks, these bad minded monsters, brought forth like vipers by their mothers bane, with such lasciuious lewdnes haue first infected London the eie of England, the head of other Cities, as what is so lewd that hath not there contrary to order beene printed, and in euery streete abusiuely chanted. This erro2 (ouer spzeding the realme) hath in no small measure increased in Essex and the shires thereto adioyning, by the blusshesse faces of certaine Babies sonnes to one Barnes most frequenting  
Bishops



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**B**ishops Staffoꝝd. The olde fellow to their father soothing  
his sonnes folly, resting his crabbed limes on a crab-tree  
staffe, was wont and I thinke yet he vses to sener him-  
selfe from the Booth, or rather Boothell of his two sons  
Ballad Chambers: where the one in a sweaking treble,  
the other in an ale-blown base carrowle out such adul-  
trous ribaudry, as chaste eares abhorre to heare, and mo-  
destie hath no tongue to utter.

While they are in the ruffe of ribaudrie, (as I was a-  
bout to say) the olde ale-knight their dad breakes out into  
admiration, and sends stragling customers to admire the  
roaring of his sonnes: where that I may shewe some a-  
buses, and yet for shame let slip the most odious, they  
heare no better matter, but the lasciuious vnder songs of  
Watkins ale, the Carmans whistle, Choppingknives,  
and frier fortaile, and that with such odious and detested  
boldnes, as if there be any one line in those lewd songs  
than other moze abhominable, that with a double repeti-  
tion is lowdly belowed, as for example of the frier and the  
nunne.

He whipt her with a foxes taile, Barnes minor,  
And he whipt her with a foxes taile, Barnes maior.

O braue boies saith Barnes maximus. The father  
leapes, the lubers roare, the people runne, the Diuell  
laughs, God lowers, and good men weepe. Nay, no so-  
ner haue the godly preachers deliuered wholesome do-  
ctrine, but these impes of iniquitie, and such as imitate  
their order, draw whole heapes to hearken to their in-  
quinated cries, as if they were hearers of the Vergilshites  
swine ready to receiue whole legions of soule-drowning  
spirites.

Stephen, Mopo and Pickering I muse you make no  
complaint to those worshipfull that haue authoritie to re-  
straine such straglers for this is to be proued, of whome

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soeuer they buy them, that these two Barnes offer more licentious songs, then all that part of England beſide.

Shamefull it is (had they any shame) that men brought vpp to an honest handicraft, of which the realme more need then iygging vanities, should betake them to so impudent a course of life. The Rogue that liueth idly is restrained, the fidler and plaier that is maisterlike is in the same predicament, both these by the law are burned in the eare, and shall men more odious scape unpunished.

It were to be wisht, if they will not be warnd, that as well the singers, as their supporters, were burned in the tongue that they might rather be euer bitterly mute, then the triumphers of so many mischiefes. Neither are these two alone in fault, though they stand worthely foremost as Malorum Duces, but besides them, others more then a good many, some as I haue heard say taken to be apprentices by a worthlesse companion (if it proue true that is of him reported) being of a worshipfull trade, and yet no Stationer, who after a little bzinging them vpp to singing brokerie, takes into his shop some fresh men, and trusts his olde searuantcs of a two months standing with a dosen groates worth of ballads. In which if they proueth chisty, hee makes them pretty chapmen, able to spzed more pamphlets by the state forbidden then all the Bookesellers in London, for only in this Citie is straight search, abroad small suspicion, especially of such petty pedlers. Neither is he for these lies only in fault, but the Gouerners of cutpurse hall, finding that their company wounderfully increast, howeuer manye of their beste workemē monthly miscande at the three foot crosse, they tooke counsaile how they might find some new exercise to imploy their number.

One of the ancientest that had beene a traoueller, and at Baineetree faire, seene the resort to the standinges of  
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the forenamed brethren, the sonnes of olde Barnes the Plummer, chose out roaringe Dicke, what Willibars, cum multis aliis of tune-able trebles, that gathered sundry assemblies in diuers places, where yer a leaud songe was fully ended, some must their knives, some their purses, soome one thinge, soome another. And alas, who would suspect my inuocente youtnes, that all the while were pleasinge rude peoples eyes and eares, with no les delectable noise, then their ditties were delightfome: the one being too odious to bee read, the other too infectious to be heard. Well how euer they sung, it is like they shared: for it hath bene saide, they themselves bragge, they gaured their twenty Shillings in a day. Ah brother Popo, many a hard meale haue you made, and as many a time, hath Curtoll your foure-footed traueiler, bene pincht for want of prouander, and yet at the waxes ende haue you hardly taken tenne Shillings. But I perswade my selfe you gaine by your honest labour, and they by legerdemaine. To tell you your owne iniuries, by them euer where offered, made not: to wish you to speake to them it bootes nat. Wherefore this is my counsaile, and let it be your course: Make humble suite to her Maiesties Officers, that they may bee henceforth prohibited: intreate the Preachers that they inuaye againste this vice, whiche though it seeme small to other abuses, yet as a graine of mustard seede it encreases, and bringeth forth moze mischiefes, then few wordes can expresse, or much diligence make boide. First, if there be any songes suffered in such publike sorte to be song, beseech that they may either be such as your selues, that after seauen yeares or moze seruitice, haue no other liuinge lest you out of Patient, but that poore base life, of it selfe too badde, yet made moze beggerly, by increase of number: or at least if any if besides you be therto admitted, thā it may be none other

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but aged and impotent persons: who liuinge vpon charity, may the rather d2a to those that delight in good songs, to haue mercy on their neede. For to sing publikely, is by a kinde of tolleration, permitted only to beggars, of which number, it is not necessary to make them, that haue sene no number of yeares, no2 are in the members of their bodies imperfect. Is it not absurde to see a long legd lubber pinned in a chayre, fedde with a duggie, dresse with a bibbe, and rockte in a cradle? As vile it is, that boyes of able strength, and agreeable capacity, should bee suffered to w2est from the miserable Aged, the last refuge in their life (beggery excepted) the poze helpe of Ballad-singing. Many a crust hath old Anthony, gotte by it. Mopo, beside other comfortes: but now I heare my blinde brother that exercisde the base, is forced to lay his fiddle to pawne and trust onely to the two and thirtieth Psalme, and Job patience for his poze belly-pinchinge pittaunce. Once againe I tourne mee in your names to the Maiestrates, and Preachers of London, and as to them so to others else-where in the Realme. Right honorable, reuerend, or worshipfull, Anthony humbly desires you, to looke into the leand cause, that these wicked effects may fall. The people delighte to heare some new thinge: if these prophane ribauldries were not: somewhat sauering of gouernesse, of policy, or at the vtmost of morall witte, should be receiued. It is common, that they which haue capacity, when they heare either Diuinitye, Lawe, or other Artes, apply their memo2ies to receiue them, and as they haue conceiued, they b2inge forth fruites: so fares it by the contrary, when they heare lasciuious surquedry, leandnesse, impiety, they yeld no other haruest, than they receiued s2ede: for who canne gather grapes of thornes, or figges of thistles. It would bee thought the Carman that was woonte to whistle to his beastes a comfortable note, might



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might aswell continue his olde course, wherby his sound  
serued for a muscicall harmony in Gods care: as now pro-  
fanely to follow a Ziggging vanity, which can bee no bet-  
ter than odious before God: sith it is abhominable in the  
eares of god men. But all is one, they are suffred, which  
makes them secure, and there is no impietye, but the ba-  
ser flatter themselves in, because they are not more  
stricktly reprehended by their betters. If euery idle  
word shall be answered for, how shall they escape that  
suffer whole dayes to bee consumed in abhominable bro-  
thelry. Well, at the handes of the sheapheard shall the  
flocke be challenged, there is a mercy that kisseth Justice,  
euery other tolleration is sinnefull and shamefull. Heere  
Anthony now now ceases: knowing the superiours haue  
discretion vppon true information, to deale as becomes  
them. I onely bge my brother Popo, S. P. and Pick-  
eringe, to beseech that lasciuious singers may bee vtterly  
supprell, as they will shew themselves to bee the men  
they should be, wherein if they faile, let them liue ever in  
perpetuall pouertye, and fare at all tymes as harde as  
poore Popos Cut did with his maisters countreyman in  
Shorditch, till by the force of his hinder heeles, he vtter-  
ly vndid two milch maydens, that had set by a shoppe of  
Ale-drapery. **Subscribed**

Anthony now now a Gods blessing.

When I had read this rabble, wherein I found little  
reason, I laide it by, intendinge at more time to seeke  
out Popo, and his mentioned companions. The next  
paper I chaunced on, was that of Paister Doctor Bur-  
cot:

The superscription thus,

To

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To the impudent discreditors of Phisickes Art,  
either speedy amendement or  
punishment.



**I**nurious enemies to Arts, that haue sought to make Whisick, among common people, esteemed common; and Chirurgery contemptible, to you is this my Breke addressed, for since I leste the earth, commaunded by him, that disposes of euery creature, I vnderstande soome græne-headed scoffers at my græne receipt: haue intermedled in matters moze then they conceiue, and by that folly effected much lesse then they promised. It was helde of olde, for a principle, and not long since obserued as a custome, that as the nightes Battes, soze-runners of darkenesse, neuer flickered in the strætes, till the Sunne was decline: and then euery where blindly clapped in mennes faces: so the Dwoles of Artes, blinde-flinder-mise (as I may tearme them) confirming the old Oracle: neuer shewe themselues but in corners, giuing their rules for that they vnderstand not, to the losse of life, or mans dismemb,inge. Euery simple hath his vertue, euery disease his beginning: but the remedy riseth from the knowledge of the cause: If any can (in naturall sence) giue ease, they must be Artistes, that are able to search the cause, resist the disease, by prouiding remedies. How fares it then, blinde abusers of the blind, your blushes faces are so seasoned, that you can in print or publike w,ritinges, open the skirtes of your shame, by promising sight to the blinde, sound ioyntes to the govt, steady members to the Paraleitike, strong limmes to the lame, quicke hearing to the deafe, sence to the franticke. To begin with J. D. one of your sight healers, was it not well



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Wel handled by him, when a gentleman of good account hauing onely a heate in one of his eies, hee like a kinde christian perswaded the patient to receiue a water p<sup>re</sup>seruative to the sound eie that it might draw the humo<sup>r</sup> from the first, when in very truth by his cunning hee so dealt, that not an eie was left in his head whereby hee might wel see, sauing that by the ey that was first soze he can with much ado<sup>e</sup> looke thzough a chzistall. Thus this cogging sight giuer dranke a hundzed marke and vtterly impaired the paires sight.

An obscure knaue, wo<sup>r</sup>thy to bee so well knowne, that thine eies being thrust out of thy head in a publike assembly, thou mightest no moze attempt to make blinde thy betters. There was a Gentleman in the world, troubled not long since with a paine in the soote, Physicians found it to be the gout, against which malady p<sup>ro</sup>-mising no p<sup>re</sup>cise remedy, but onely to giue ease fo<sup>r</sup> the time, did their daileye indeuour, by defensives p<sup>re</sup>venting paine that would haue p<sup>ro</sup>oued offensive. He impatient of delay, sozooke all hopes of art, and deliuered ouer his life into the hands of some of these trauelers that by incision are able to ease all atches. If a sensible man( conceiuing their tyranny on him vsed )shuld note their cuttings, drawings, co<sup>r</sup>rossings, borings, butcherings, they wold conclude, Non erat inter Siculos tormentū maius. Yet fo<sup>r</sup>sooth, who but these are welcome to diseased or endaungered people. The reason, they will vndertake to warrant what no wise man can, & if it happen by strong conceipt some haue comfort, then to the wo<sup>r</sup>lds wonder in old wiues monuments are they remembered. Sho<sup>r</sup>t tale to make, after many to<sup>r</sup>tures, God gaue the gentleman ease by death.

For the dead Palsie there is a woman hath a desperate drinke, that either helpes in a yeare, or killes in an hour.

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Beside thee hath a charme that mumbled thrice over the eare, together with oyle of Suamone (as the tearmes it) will make them that can heare but a little, heare in short time neuer a whit. But about all her Medicine for the quartine Ague, is admirable. viz. A pinte of exceeding strong march beere, wherein is infused one droppe of Aqua mirabilis, this taken at a draught before the fit is intollerable good, and for a president, let this serue.

A Gentlewoman about London whose husband is heire of a right woozshipfull house, was induced to take this drench, from this wise woman, for every drop of that strong water she must haue twelue pence. A spoonfull at the least was prizde at fortie shillings. Thus daily for almost a moneth she ministred, the Gentlewoman hauing still good hope, at last was put by her husband quite out of comfort for any good at this womans handes, for he by chance getting the deceiuers glasse, would needes poure out a spoonfull what euer he paid, she cried out she could not spare it, all helpt not, he tooke it and tasted, and found it to be no other then fountaine water.

There was one Bond-man or free-man (it skiles not much whether) that by wondrous ready meanes would heale madmen, what expectation was of him, by his great promises all London knowes, howe letwoly hee delt, it can as well witnesse, of him I will say little, because there is more knowue, then I am able to set downe.

Besides these run-agates, there are some of good experience, that giuing themselves to inordinate excessse, when they are wixt vnto by learned phisitions to minister for the patients health according to their aduised prescription. negligently mistake. As for example, a Doctor directs to his Boticary a bill to minister to a man hauing an vlcereous soze, certaine pills for the preparing of his body, withall a receipt for the making a roztosue, to apply



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ply to the soze, bee( either wittles, which is too bad, or wilfull, which is worse) prepares the corrosiue in pilles, and fornes the Receipt for the pilles in manner of a playster.

The partie receiues the corrosiue inward, his maue is fretted, death followes. If there be such an Apothecary that hath so done, let him repent his dealings, leaue the bloud of that man light on his head.

It is said there was another skillfull, no lesse overseene that hauinge a poore manne of a legge to dismember, who had long time bene his patient. e at the instant, more extreamely painde, then befoze, which was cause of requiringe his Chirurgians immediate helpe. This woorkeman, the poore patientes dearbes-maister, in that pointe not to bee tearmed his owne Artes maister, dismembred him, the signe beeing in the soote. Whercof heeing tolde, immediately after the dede. hee onely merited this praise, by giuing counsell to the murdered man to haue patience at his suddaine ende.

But these accidentes amonge Artiffes happen as selome as the p[ro]fesse of a good cure amonge you that are betterly ignozant in Arte: for their faultes, are committed by them rarely or neuer, your trespasses, like a quotidian disease. So of the one it may bee saide, Wine is a mocker, and strong drinke is raginge, and those that bee thereby deceiued are not wise. Yet of the other may directly bee concluded to their single commendation, that as no serpent is without his bloden stinge, or anie thing in earth without some blemish: so no purity of their impure p[ro]fession, can be equalled in imperfection, so impure is all, so vile, so dangerous.

Therefore now returne I where I began, to you the excrementes of nature, and monsters of manne, whose murders are no lesse common then your craftes, whiche

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are not so well knowne to the world, as felt by them that  
leauē it, with two of you will I enoe. The one a brag-  
gart of great antiquity, whose liuely image is yet to bee  
scene in King Luds Pallace, and his liuing Ghost at this  
time ministringe to the poore Pensioners of that place.  
Sirra, nay it shall be fir in reuerence of your old occupa-  
tion, I muse not a little what wonderfull Mettalline pre-  
paratiue it is ye boast on: by which were men so mad to  
belæue you, you are able to make anye manne not onely  
boldely to walke in ill ayres, and conuerse daye and  
nighte with infected companye, but also to receiue the  
strongest poison (like king Mithridates) into his body?  
Wenne to one, it is so strange, as no man but your selfe  
is able to name it. Yet giue mee leauē to gesse at it with-  
out offence to your falsehoode. I remember I haue heard  
great talke, you haue bene both a caster of mettall, and a  
forger, and it seemes you haue gotten the receipte which  
the Tinne-melters wife ministred, to bzeake her hus-  
bandes colde, when he sate sleeping in his chaire, videli-  
cet two ounces of pure Tinne put in an iron lable, mel-  
ted in the fire, and poured at an instant downe the throat.  
If it be thus, I dare take your word for any poison bur-  
ting that partie that so receiues it, for as a simple fellowe  
(saing foure or fise hangd for their offences, and hearing  
some speake bitterly of them beeing deade) saide, Well,  
God make them good men, they haue a faire warning: so  
I may say they that deale with your mettalline medicine  
haue a faire warrant against poison: Likewise may it  
be saide of your admirable eie water through the vertue  
of whiche, you haue attained the woozshipfull name of  
Doctor put out: haininge put out some of their eies that  
deale with it. But if I haue varied from your mettalline  
recipt before, I conclude it but a forgerie, and so blame  
you not greatly for followinge a parcell of your olde and  
to



to some a hurtfull trade.

Another of your bzetheren, as wel ouer seene in mine, calls as your selfe, lying in a good fellows house not long since, being monileffe, as ye are all but thzed bare make shiftes, perswaded his host to take phisicke for feare of infection, his labour he was content to giue, and nothing for their kindnesse would hee require but even fine marke, which he must pay for the very simples. His simple host beleewing him to be honest, gaue him the money. If hee had lefte heere, though this had beene to lewd, it had beene farre better than to go forwart as he did, for some what hee bestowed on purging simples which vnprepared he ministred, and with the same ministred the pooze mans death.

The lewd wretch cried out that hee had taken a great quantity of the purgation, more than he appointed, which was in a window in his chamber, much adoe was made, and he would iustifie befoze any learned man his deed, but trusting better to his heeles, than to hazard a hanging, hee gaue them that night the slip, and is not yet fallen.

To be short, how euer ye differ in seuerall shiftes, yet agree you all in one manner of shifiting, cunning is the cloake to hide your cogging: money the marke for which ye play the makeshiftes, pay the murtherers, not of the common enemie, but your owne country-men, than to which what can be more barbarous? Common reason should perswade, that much reading and long practise in euery Art makes men expert. Per Contrarium I conclude, you that haue neither read nor practised, must needs be egregiously ignorant.

Assure your selues, if you refraine not, iustice will stand bype, and so restraine yee, as there shall be nothing more noted than your ignorant practises and im-

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puident courtes. In my life I was your aduersary: in death I am your enemie. Beseeching the reuerend Colledge of learned Doctors and worshipfull company of experienced Chirurgions to looke moze straightly to your false deceites, and close haunts, that there may be sooner heard talke of such a rare obscure assurancer to worke what not wenders in Whisicke, or Chirurgie, but he be rather lookt into or euer he begin, than suffered to begin, whereby any pooze patient should suffer losse in triall of their blind skill: so shall your coulenages be as open as your Actes be odious.

Subscribed

Burcor.

This is somewhat like (thought I) if he had said any thing against coulsoning toothe Drawers, that from place to place wander with banners full of boyle teeth to the imparing of Kindharts occupation, but I perceiue master Doctor was neuer a toth Drawer, if he had, I know he would haue toucht their deceitings. Since he hath let hem passe, I greatly passe not: and yet in regard of the credit of my trade, I care not to haue a blow or two with them my selfe, before I looke any further.

Sundry of them that so wander, haue not to do with the means Kindhart useth, but sooth by charmes they can at their pleasure fray away the payne, which Kindhart counts little better than witch craft, if it could doe good, and so to some of them haue I affirmed it: But a proper slip-string, sometime a pitty scoole-master, now a pelting tooth charmer, hauing no reason to defend his obscure rules, quite put me to silence before a well learned



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ned audience, the one a cobbler, the other a carman, the last a collyer. These being poore men, had I for pittie often eased of their payne, yet was the remedy I vnde somewhat painefull, but not long since they are come acquainted with the charmer I told ye of, he in charitable consideration of their greefe, promised to ease them onely with writing and after burning a word or two. Travelling to a Gentlemans not farre from London, I by the way chaunst to be cald to conferre with him at the same verie instant, where reprooving his opinion, hee put me downe with such a gallemasfre of latine ends, that I was glad to make an end: Yet got I a copy of his charmes, which I will set downe that I may make it common.

### A Charme,

First, he must know your name, then your age, which in a little paper he sets downe, on the top are these words In verbis, et in herbis, et in lapidibus sunt virtutes, vnderneath he writes in capitall letters A A B I L L A, H V R S G I B E L L A, which he swears is pure Chaldee, and the names of thre spirites that enter into the blood and cause rebornes, & so consequently the toothache. This paper must be likewise thre times blest, and at last with a little frankincense burned, which being thrice vled, is of power to expell the spirites, purifie the blood, and ease the paine, or else he lyes, for he hath practised it long, but shall approue it neuer.

Another sort, get hot wiers, and with them they burne out the worme that so torments the greened: these fellows are fit to visit curst wines, and might by their practise doe a number of honest men ease, if they would misset the tooth and worme the tongue.

Others

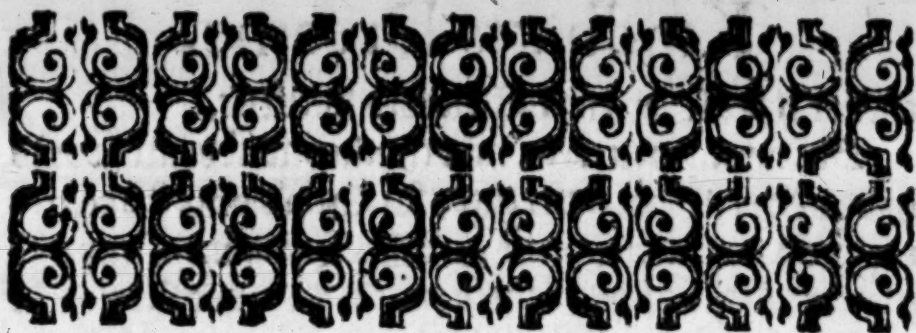
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Others there are, that perswade the pained, to hold their mouths open ouer a basen of water by the fire side, and to cast into the fire a handfull of henbane seede, the which naturally hath in euery seede a little woyme, the seedes bzeaking in the fire, vse a kind of cracking, and out of them, it is hard among so many, if no woyme fly into the water : which woymes the Deceluers affirme to haue fallen from the teeth of the diseased. This rare secret is much vsed, and not finally lyked. Sundry other could I set downe practised by our banner-bearers, but all is foppery, for this I find to be the only remedy for the tooth paine, either to haue patience, or to pull them out.

Well, no more for mee, least I bee thought to speake too largely for my selfe. I had thought to haue had a sting at the rat-catchers, who with their banners displayed, beare no small sway, what I haue to saye to them they shall not yet heare, because I hope they will take warning by other mens harmes. Onely this I affirme that as some banner-bearers haue in their occupations much craft, the rat-catchers is nothing else but craft.

But stay kind-hart, if thou make so long a Chorus betweene euery act, thy iests will be as stale as thy wit is weake. Therefore leauing those vagabonds to repent their villanyes, Ile bid adieu to maister Doctor, and see who is our next speaker.





## Robert Greene to

*Pierce Pennilesse.*



Pierce, if thy Carrier had beene as kinde to me as I expected, I could haue dispatched long since my letters to thee: but it is here as in the woꝝ'd, *Donum à dando deriuatur*: where there is nothing to giue, there is nothing to be got. But hauing now found meanes to send to thee, I will certifie thee a little of my disquiet after death, of which I thinke thou either hast not heard or wilt not conceiue.

Hauing with humble penitence besought pardon for my infinite sinnes, and paid the due to death, euen in my graue was I scarce layde, when Enuie (no fit companion for Art) spit out her popson, to disturbe my rest. *Aduersus mortuos bellum sulcipere, inhumanum est.* There is no gloꝝy gained by breaking a deade mans skull. *Pascitur in viuis liuor, post fata quiescit.* Yet it appeares contrary in some, that inueighing against my woꝝkes, my pouertie, my life, my death, my burial, haue omitted nothing that may seeme malicious. For my Bookes, of what kind soeuer, I refer their commendation or dispraise to those that haue read them. Duely for my last labours affirming, my intent was to reprove vice, and lay open such villanies, as had beene very necessary to be made knowne, wherof my Blacke Book e,

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if euer it see light, can sufficiently witnesse.

But for my ponertie, mee thinkes wisdomē would haue bridled that inuectiue; for Cuius potest accidere, quod cuiquam potest. The beginning of my dispraisers is knowne, of their end they are not sure. For my life, it was to none of them at any time hurtful: for my death, it was repentant: my buriall like a Christians.

Alas that men so hastily should run,  
To write their own dispraise as they haue done.

For my reuenge, it suffices, that euery halfe-eyed humanitian may account it, Instar belluarum inmanissimarum seuire in cadauer. For the iniurie offered thee, I know I need not bring oyle to thy fire. And albeit I would dissuade thee from more inuectiues against such thy aduersaries (for peace is now all my plea) yet I know thou wilt returne answer, that since thou receiuest the first wrong, thou wilt not endure the last.

My quiet Ghost (vquietly disturbed) had once intended thus to haue exclaimd.

Pierce, more witlese, than pennislesse; more tale, than thine aduersaries ill imployde; what foolish innocence hath made thee (infantlike) resistlesse to beare, what euer iniurie Enuie can impose?

Once thou commendest immediate conceit, and gauest no great praise to excellent works of twelue yeres labour: now, in the blooming of thy hopes, thou sufferest slander to nippe them ere they can bud: thereby approuing thy selfe to be of all other most slacke, beeing in thine owne cause so remisse.

Colour can there be none found to shadowe thy fainting, but the longer thou deferst, the more greefe thou bringst



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bringst to thy friends, and giuest the greater head to thy enemies.

What canst thou tell, if (as my selfe) thou shalt bee with death preuented: and then how can it be but thou diest disgrac'd, seeing thou hast made no reply to their twofold Edition of Inuectiues:

It may bee thou thinkst they will deale well with thee in death, and so thy shame in tollerating them will be short: forge not to thy self one such conceit, but make me thy president, and remember this olde adage: *Leonem mortuum mordent Cani.*

Awake (secure boy) reuenge thy wrongs, remember mine: thy aduersaries began the abuse, they continue it: if thou suffer it, let thy life be short in silence and obscuritie, and thy death hastie, hated, and miserable.

All this had I intended to write, but now I wil not giue way to wrath, but returne it vnto the earth from whence I tooke it: for with happie soules it hath no harbour,

Robert Greene,

Had not my name beene Kind-hart, I would haue sworn this had beene sent to my selfe; for in my life I was not more pennilesse than at that instant. But remembering the Authoz of the Supplication, I laid it aside till I had leysure to seeke him: and taking vp the next, I found written,



To all maligners of honest mirth,  
*Tarleton* wisheth continuall melancholy.



Ow Maisters, what say you to a mer-  
rie knaue, that for this two years day  
hath not beene talkt of: Will you giue  
him leaue if he can to make ye laugh:  
What all a mozt: No merry coun-  
tenance: Nay, then I see hypocrisse  
hath the vpper hand, and her spirit raignes in this pro-  
fitable generation. Sith it is thus, Ile be a time-plea-  
ser. Fie vppon following plaies, the expence is won-  
drous; vpon players speeches, their wordes are full of  
wyles; vpon their gestures, that are altogether wan-  
ton. Is it not lamentable, that a man should spende his  
two pence on them in an after-noone, heare couetous-  
nes amongst them daily quipt at, being one of the com-  
monest occupations in the countrey; and in liuely ge-  
sture see trecherie set out, with which euery man now  
adaies vseth to intrap his brother. Byz lady, this would  
be lookt into: if these be the fruites of playing, tis time  
the practisers were expeld.

Expeld (quoth you) that hath been pretily perfozmd,  
to the no smal profit of the Bouling-alleyes in Bedlam  
and other places, that were wont in the after-noones to  
be left empty, by the recourse of good fellows vnto that  
vnprofitable recreation of Stage-playing.

And it were not much amisse, would they ioine with  
the Dicing houses to make sute againe for their longer  
restraint,



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restraint, though the sicknesse cease. Is not this well saide (my maisters) of an olde buttond cappe, that hath most part of his life liu'd vppon that against which hee inueighs: Yes, and worthily.

But I haue more to say than this; Is it not greate shame, that the houses of retaylers neare the Townes end, should be by their continuance impouerished: Alas good hearts, they pay great rentes, and pittie it is but they be prouided for. While Playes are vsde, halfe the day is by most youtnes that haue libertie spent vppon them, or at least the greatest company drawne to the places where they frequent. If they were suppress, the flocke of yong people would bee equally parted. But now the greatest trade is brought into one street. Is it not as faire a way to Myle-end by White-chappell, as by Shordich to Hackney: the Sunne shineth as clearly in the one place, as in the other; the shades are of a like pleasure: onely this is the fault, that by ouermuch heat sometime they are in both places infectious.

As well in this as other things there is great abuse: for in euery house where the vnerian virgins are resident, hospitalitie is quite exiled, such fines, such taxes, such tribute, such customs, as (poore soules) after seuen yeares seruice in that unhallowed order, they are faine to leaue their lutes for offerings to the olde Lenos that are shrine-keepers, and themselves (when they begin to break) are faine to seeke harbour in an Hospitall: which chaunceth not (as sometime is thought) to one amongst twentie, but hardly one amongst a hundred haue better ending. And therefore seeing they liue so hardly, its pittie Players should hinder their takings a peny.

I marry (saies Baudeamus my quondam Host) well faire olde Dicke, that worde was well plac'd: for thou knowst our rentes are so vnrasonable, that except wee

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cut and shauē, and poule, and pig, we must return Non est inuentus at the quarter day.

For is not this pittifull? I am a man now as other men be, and haue liu'd in some shire of England, till all the Country was wearie of mee. I come vp to London, and fall to be some Tapster, Hostler, or Chamberlaine in an Inne: Well, I get mee a wife, with her a little money: when we are married, seeke a house we must, no other occupation haue I but to be an Ale-draper, the Landlord wil haue fortie pound fine, and twenty marke a yere, I and mine must not lie in the street: he knows by honest courses I can neuer paye the Rent. What should I say? somewhat must be done, rent must be paid, duties discharged, or we vndone. To bee short, what must be shall be: indede sometimes I haue my Landlords countenance before a Justice, to cast a cloake ouer ill-rule, or els hee might seeke such another tenant to pay his rent so truly.

Quaintly concluded (Peter Pandar) somewhat yee must bee, and a bawd ye will bee. I by my troth sir, why not I as well as my neighbors, since theres no remedy. And you sir, find fault with plaies. Out vpon them, they spoile our trade, as you your selfe haue proued. Beside, they open our crosse-biting, our conny-catching, our traines, our traps, our gins, our snares, our subtilties: for no sooner haue we a tricke of deceit, but they make it common, singing Tigs, and making iests of vs, that euerie boy can point out our houses as they passe by.

Whither now Tarleton: this is extempore out of time tune, and temper. It may be well said to me:

Stulce, quid hæc faris, &c.

Rusticus ipse, tuis malus es, tibi pessimus ipse.



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Thy selfe once a Player, and against Players : nay,  
turne out the right side of thy russet coate, and lette the  
world know thy meaning. Why thus I meane, for now  
I speake in sobernes.

Euery thing hath in it selfe his vertue and his vice :  
from one selfe flower the Bee and Spider sucke honny  
and popson. In plaies it fares as in booke, vice cannot  
be reprobued, except it be discovered : neither is it in any  
play discovered, but there followes in the same an ex-  
ample of the punishment: now he that at a play will be  
delighted in the one, and not warned by the other, is like  
him that reads in a booke the description of sinne, and  
will not looke ouer the leafe for the reward.

Mirth in seasonable time taken, is not forbidden by  
the austerest Sapients.

But indeede there is a time of mirth, and a time of  
mourning. Which time hauing been by the Magistrats  
wisely obserued, as well for the suppressing of Playes,  
as other pleasures : so likewise a time may come, when  
honest recreation shall haue his former libertie.

And lette Tarleton intreate the yong people of the  
Cittie, either to abstaine altogether from playes, or at  
their coming thither to vse themselves after a more  
quiet order.

In a place so ciuill as this Cittie is esteemed, it is  
more than barbarously rude, to see the shamefull dis-  
order and routes that sometime in such publike mee-  
tings are vsed.

The beginners are neither gentlemen, nor citizens,  
nor any of both their seruants, but some lewd mates that  
long for innouation, & when they see aduantage, that ei-  
ther Seruingmen or Apprentises are most in number,  
they will be of either side, though indeed they are of no  
sides, but men beside all honestie, willing to make boote

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of cloakes, hats, purses, or what euer they can lay holde on in a hurley burley. These are the common causers of discord in publike places. If otherwise it happen (as it sel dome doth) that any quarrell be betweene man and man, it is far from manhood to make so publike a place their field to fight in: no men will doe it, but cowardes that would faine be parted, or haue hope to haue manie partakers.

Nowe to you that maligne our moderate merri-ments, and thinke there is no felicitie but in excessive possession of wealth: with you I would ende in a song, pea an Extempore song on this Theame, Nequid nimis necessarium: but I am now hoarse, and troubled with my Taber and Pipe: beside, what pleasure byings musicke to the miserable. Therefore letting songes passe, I tell them in sadnes, how euer Playes are not altogether to be commended: yet some of them do more hurt in a day, than all the Players (by exercizing theyr profession) in an age. Faults there are in the professors as other men, this the greatest, that diuers of them being publike in euerie ones eye, and talkt of in euery vulgar mans mouth, see not how they are seene into, especially for their contempt, which makes them among most men most contemptible.

Of them I will say no more, of the profession, so much hath Pierce Pennilesse (as I heare say) spoken, that for mee there is not any thing to speake. So wishing the chearefull, pleasure endlesse; and the wilfull sullen, sorrow till they surfet, with a turne on the toe I take my leaue.

Richard Tarleton,

When



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When I had done with this, one thing I mislike, that Tarleton stood no longer on that point of Landlords: For lamentable it is (in Kind-harts opinion) to note their unreasonable exaction. I my selfe knewe a Landlord, that beginning to enlarge a little Tenement, was according to statute prohibited: hee made humble suite that the worke might go forward; for good man, he meant not to make thereby any benefite, but euen in charitie he would turne it into an Almes-house. This godly motion was liked, and he allowed to goe forward with his building. The worke ended, in all the Country there could not poore bee found worthy, or at least able to enter into the same.

To be short, it was turned into a Tauerne, and with rent and fine in few monthes turned the Tenant out of doores. Yet it hath bene saide, the poore man did what hee might, Cum vino & uenere, to continue his state: but the Landlord had made such a Dent in his stocke, that with all the wit in his head it would not bee kept. I bestrew the Card-makers, that clapt not a gowne about the Knaue of Hartes, & put him on a hat for a bonnet ouer his night-cappe, then had not after Age taken care for the Image of this excellent Almes-house builder, but in euerie Ale-house should haue bene reserved his monument, till Macke, Maw, Ruffe, Noddy, and Trunke, had bene no more vnder, than his charitie is left.

Wittie it is such Colours are not shakte out of sheeps clothing. Eldest times detested such extremitie: the Gospels liberty (howsoeuer some Libertines abuse it) giues no such license: by their auarice Religion is slandered, lewdnes is bolstered, the suburbs of the Citie are in many places no other but darke denues for adulterers, theues, murderers, and euery mischiefe worker:

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daily

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daily experience before the Magistrates confirms this  
for truth.

I would the hart of the Cittie were whole, for both  
within and without, extreame crueltie causeth much  
beggerie, *Victa iacet pietas*, and with pietie pittie.  
Selfe loue hath exiled charitie: and as among beastes  
the Lyon hunteth the Wolfe, the Wolfe deuoureth the  
Goate, and the Goate feedeth on mountaine hearbs: so  
among men, the great oppresse the meaner, they againe  
the meanest: for whom hard fare, colde lodging, thinne  
cloathes, and sore labour is onely allotted.

To see how soone the world is changd: In my time  
I remember two men, the one a Diuine, the other a  
Cittizen: it was their vse, at the time they should quar-  
terly receiue their duties (for the first was well benefi-  
ced, the later a great Landlord) when they came to anie  
pooze creature, whome sicknesse had hindered, or mis-  
chaunce impaired, or many children kept lowe: they  
would not onely forgive what they should receiue, but  
giue bountifully for the releefe of their present neces-  
sities.

The olde Proverbe is verified, Seldome comes the  
better: and they are possesse, the pooze of that comfort  
dispossest.

Some Landlords hauing turnd an old Breue-house,  
Bake-house, or Dye-house, into an Alley of tenements,  
will either themselves, or some at their appointment,  
keepe tripling in the fore-house (as they call it) and their  
pooze tenants must bee inioinde to fetch bread, drinke,  
wood, cole, and such other necessities, in no other place:  
and there till the weekes ende they may haue any thing  
of trust, provided they lay to pawne their holiday appa-  
rell: nay, my Land-lady will not onely doe them that  
good turne, but if they want money, she will on munday  
leue



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leue them likewise vppon a pawne eleuen pence, and in  
meere pittie asks at the weekes end not a penny more  
than twelue pence.

O charitable loue, happy tenants of so kinde a Land-  
lady: I warrant ye this Usurie is within the Statute,  
it is not above foue hundred for the loane of a hundred  
by the yeare.

Neither will they doe this good to their tenants alone, but they will deale with their husbandes, that for a little roome with a smoakie chimney (or perchaunce none, because smoake is noysome) they shall pay at the least but fortie shillings yerly.

Fie vpon fines, thats the vndoing of poore people :  
 weele take none (say these good creatures) marry for  
 she key wec must haue consideration, that is, some An-  
 gell in hand : for verely the last tenant made vs change  
 the locke : neither thinke we deale hardly, for it stands  
 in a good place, quite out of company, where handicraft  
 men may haue leytur to get their liuing, if they know  
 on what to set themselves a worke.

Now for all this kindnesse, the Land-loyd scarce asketh of the tenant thanks (though hee deserue it well) for (as I saide) his Wife is all the dealer: so plaies the Parson (the person I should say, I would bee loath to be mistaken) that I tolde yee before buildes the Almshouse. The care of rentes is committed to his Wife, he is no man of this world, but as one metamorphizd from a Saint to a Deuill.

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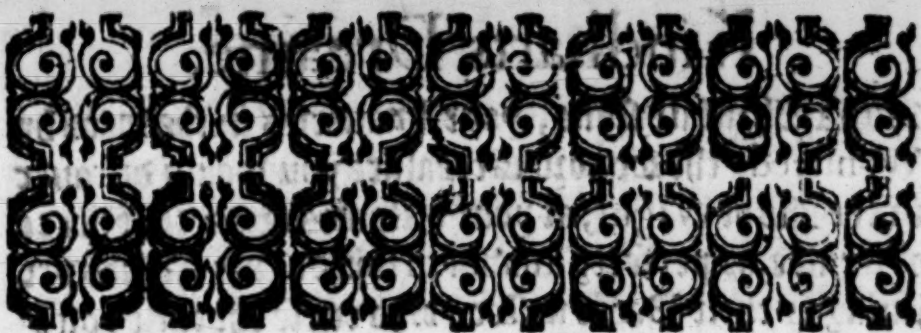
How now Kindhart? Shall we neuer haue done with  
these Landlordes? It seemes well thou hast as little  
land as witte: for while thou liuest they wil not mend,  
and therefore its as good to make an ende, as waste  
winde. Well, all this was of good will to helpe

Tarleton out with his tale. Now let me  
see what note Cuckoe sings,  
for tis his lucke to  
be last.



**William**





## William Cuckoe to all close

Juglers wisheeth the discouery of their crafts,  
*and punishment for their knaueries.*

**R**ome for a craftie knaue, cries William Cuckoe. Knaue, nay, it will neare hande beare an action: Bones a mee, my trickes are stale, and all my old companions turne into Ciuill suites. I perceiue the worlde is all honestie, if it be no other than it lookes. Let me see, if I can see, beleue mee theres nothing but iugling in euery corner; for euery man hath leard the mysterie of casting mysts, & though they vse not our olde tearmes of hey-passe, re-passe, and come aloft: yet they can by-passe, compasse, and bying vnder one another as cunningly and commonly, as euer pooze Cuckoe coulde command his Jacke in a Bore.

Yet my maisters, though you robde me of my trade, to giue recompence, after death I haue borrowed a tongue a little to touch their tricks.

And now sir, to you that was wont like a Sublister in a gown of rugge rent on the left shoulder, to sit singing the Counter-tenor by the Cage in Southwarke: me thinks ye should not looke so coply on olde Cuckoe. What man, it is not your signe of the Ape and the Uzi-  
nall can carry away our olde acquaintance:

I trust yee remember your iugling at Newington

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with a Christall Stone, your knaueries in the wood by  
Wansteed, the wondrous treasure you would discover  
in the Ile of Wight, al your villanies about that peece  
of seruice, as perfectly known to some of my friends yet  
liuing as their Water noster, who curse the time you e-  
uer came in their Creed.

But I perceiue you fare as the Fox, the more band,  
the better hap.

I wonder what became of your familiar, I meane  
no Deuill, man; but a man Deuill: and yet I need not  
wonder, for since my descending to vnder earth, I heard  
say he was hangd for his knauerie, as you in good time  
may be, Amen. Amend I should say, but I thinke yee  
meane it not: the matter is not great, for (thanks be to  
God) how euer you mend in manners, the world is well  
amended with your man and you.

I pray ye was that hee which was your instrument  
in Notingham-shire, to make your name so famous for  
finding things lost: It may be, you forgot that one fetch  
among many; and least it should bee out of your heade,  
He helpe to beate it into your braines.

**Y**our Waship vpon a horse whose hire is not paid for,  
with your Page at your stirrop, like a Castilian Ca-  
ualier, lighted pennilelle at a pretie Tyme, where that  
day late certain Iustices in Commission, Your high hart,  
carelesse of your present neede, would needes for your  
selfe share out one of the fairest chambers. Your Page  
must be purueyer for your diet, who in the kitchen found  
nothing for your liking. Beefe was grosse, beale fla-  
shy, mutton fullsome, rabbits, hens, & capons common.  
Will foule for Will foole, or he will fall.

Well, at your will ye shall be furnisht. But now a  
Jugling tricke to pay the shot.



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By Inne your man, while mistresse, men, and maids were busied about provision for the Iustices that late, slips into a private parlour, wherein stood good store of plate, and conceyng a massy sault vnder his Capouch, little lesse woorth than twentie marke, got secretly to the back-side, and cast it into a filthie pond: which done, he acquaints your knaueship with the deed.

By then your diet was drest, the sault was mist, the good Wife cryde out, the maydes were ready to runne madde.

Your man, (making the matter strange) inquired the cause: which when they tolde. O (quoth hee) that my maister would deale in the matter, I am sure he can do as much as any in the world.

Well, do you they come pitifully complaining, when very wrathfully (your choler rising) you demaund reason why they should thinke pee bee able to deale in such cases. Your kind nature (bent alwayes to lenitie) yielded at the last to their importuning: onely wisht them to stay till the nexte day, for that you would not deale while the Iustices were in the house.

They must do as your discretion appoints: next day calling the good-man and wife to your bed-side, ye tell them the salte was stolne by one of their familiars, whom he had forced by Art to bring it backe againe to the house, and in such a pond to cast it, because he would not haue the partie knowne for feare of trouble.

As you direct them, they search and find: then comes your name in rare admiration, the Host giues you foure Angels for a reward, the Hostesse two French crowns: the maydes are double diligent to doe you seruice, that they may learne their fortunes, the whole towne talks of the cunning man, that indeed had onely connycatcht his Host.

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If that Slip-string bee still in your service, I advise you make much of him, for by that tricke he prou'd himselfe a toward youth, necessary for such a matter. This iugling passes Cuckoos play. Well, I advise you play least in sight in London, for I haue sette some to watch for your comming, that will iustifie all this and more of your shifting life.

Returne to your olde craft and play the Pinner, although it be a poore life, it is an honest life: your fallacies will one day faile ye.

There is another Iugler, that beeing well skild in the Jewes Trumpe, takes vpon him to bee a dealer in Musicke: especiall good at mending Instruments: he iugled away more instrumentes of late, than his bodie (being taken) will euer be able to make good.

Cut, thats but a plaine tricke: How say ye by some Iuglers that can serue wits without any original, and make poore men dwelling farre off, compound with them for they knowe not what: I tell you there bee such, that by that trick can make a vacation time quicker to them than a Terme: who troubling threescore or fourescore men without cause, get of some a crowne, of others a noble, of diuers a pound, beside the ordinarie costes of the wit, to put off their appearance, when no such thing was toward.

Fie vpon these Iuglers, they make the lawes of the Realme be ill spoken of, and are cause that plaine people thinke all Lawyers like them: as appeares by a poore old man by chance comming into one of the worshipful Innes of the Court, where sundry Ancients and Students both honorable and worshipfull sate at supper: the poore man admiring their comely order and reuerent demeanour, demanded of a stander by, what they were. Gentlemen (said hee) of the Innes of Court.

Lord



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Lord blesse hem (quoth plaine *Coridon*) beene they of  
Queens Court: No, said the other, but of the Innes  
of Court. What doon they, quoth the Countrey man,  
wotten yee? The other answered, that they were all  
Lawyers, and Students of the Lawe. Now, well a  
neere cries plaine *Simplicite*, wee han but one Law-  
yer with vs, and hee spoyles all the Parish: but heere  
been now to marre the whole Shire. His simplenes was  
by the hearers well taken, and the Lawiers name in-  
quired, who prou'd no other but one of these pettifog-  
ging Juglers, that hauing scraped vp a few common  
places, and by long *Solliciter*ship got in to be an odd  
Attorney, was not long since disgraced of his place  
by pitching ouer the Barre, yet promoted to looke out  
of a wooden window, cut after the Doue hole fashion,  
with a paper on his suttle pate, containing the iugling  
befoze shewed. So fortune it to his fellowes, and let  
their misery come *cito pede*. Law is in it selfe good, the  
true Professors to be highly esteemd. But as in Diu-  
nity it sometime fares that *Schismatikes*, *Heretikes*,  
and suchlike, make Scripture a cloake for their de-  
tected errors, and by their practises seeke to make the  
reuerend Diuines contemptible; so a sort of Conny-  
catchers (as I may call them) that haue gathered vp  
the gleanings of the Law, onely expert to begin con-  
trouersies, and vterly ignozant of their end; perswade  
the simple that if they will follow their rules, thus and  
thus it shall chance to their speedy quieting, and that  
Attorneys, Counsellers and Sericants, are too costly  
to bee dealt with simply, but by their mediation, who  
are able to speak when Counsell failes, and giue more  
ease in an houre, than the best Benchers in a yeare,  
when God wot, they doo no more good than a Drone in  
a Hie. These Juglers are too cunning for Cuckoe,

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and in the end will proue too crafty for themselves: Whether Juglers there bee, that buying fauour from Authority to seeke some thing to themselves beneficiall, and to the Common-wealth not preiudiciall, vnder colour of orderly dealing haue hookt into their hands the whole liuing to a number poore men belonging. These when they were complained on, immediately tooke an honest course, and promist large reliefe peerely to them they wrong: But euery promise is either broke, or kept & so it fares with them: I protest if their Jugling were set downe, it would make a pretty volume: but I wil let them passe, because there is hope they will remember themselves. To set downe the Jugling in Trades, the crafty tricks of buyers and sellers, the swearing of the one, the lying of the other, were but to tell the worlde that which they well knowe, and therefore I will likewise ouerslip that. There is an occupation of no long standing about London called Boking or brogging, whether ye will; in which there is pretty Jugling, especially to blind Law, and bolster Usury: if any man be fozst to bring them a pawne, they will take no interest, not past twelue pence a pound for the month; marry they must haue a groat for a monthly bill: which is a bill of sale from month to month; so that no advantage can be taken for the Usurie. I heare say its well multiplied since I died; but I beshewe them, for in my life many a time haue I borrowed a shilling on my Pipes, and paid a groat for the bill, when I haue fetcht out my pawne in a day.

This Jugling exceeds Cuckoes gettings, and sundry times turnd poore William to his shifts. Indeepe I deny not, but in their kind some of them deale well, and wil preferue a mans goods safe, if he keep any reasonable time: these are not so blameable, as they that make  
unmedi-



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immediate sale. If euer I haue oportunitie to write into the world againe, I will learne who abuse it most and who vse it best, and set ye downe their dwelling places.

Now I will draw to an end, concluding with a Master Jugler that he may be well knowne if he be got into any obscure corner of the Countrey. This Shifter forsooth carried no lesse countenance than a Gentlemans abilitie, with his two men in blue coates, that serued for shares not wages. Hee being properly seated in a Shire of this Realme, and by the report of his men byted for a cunning man, grew into credit by this practise.

His house beeing in a Tillage throug which was no thorough fare, his men, and sometime his Master-shippe in their company at midnight woulde goe into their neighbours seuerall grounds being farre distant from their dwelling houses, and oftentimes drie from thence Horses, Hares, Oxen, Kine, Calues, or Sheepe, what euer came next to hande, a mile perchaunce or more out of the place wherein they were left.

None would they return and leaue the cattel straying: In the morning, sometime the milke-maids misse their Kine, another day the Plough-hinds their Oxen, their Horses another time, somewhat of some woorth once a weeke lightly. Whither can these pooze people go but to the wise mans worship? Perchaunce in a morning two or thre come to complaine and seeke remedie, who welcommed by one of his men, are seuerally demaunded of their losses. If one come for sheepe, another for other cattell, they are all at first tolde, that his Mastership is a sleepe, and till hee himselfe call they dare not trouble him.

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But very kindly he takes them into the hall, and when his worship stirs promises them they shall speake with him at liberty. Now sit behind a curtaine in the hall stands a shelle garnisht with hookes, to which my mate goes vnder to take one downe. And as he takes it down pulleth certaine strings which are fastened to severall small bells in his Masters chamber, and as the bells strike, hee knowes what cattell his neighbors come to seeke, one bell being for Oxen, another for kine, another for swine, &c. A while after he stamps and makes a noyse aboue, the servingman intreats the Suters to go by, and hee hearing them comming himselfe kindly opens them the doze, and ere euer they speake, salutes them, protesting for their losse great sorrowe, as if hee knew their griefes by reuelation, comforts them with hope of recouery, and such like wordes. They cry out, Jesu bleste your Mastership, what a gift haue you to tel our mindes and neuer heares vs speake. A neighbors saith he, ye may thanke God I trust I am come among ye to doe ye all good. Then knowing which way they were diuised, hee bids them goe either East-ward, or South-ward to seeke neere such an Oake or rowe of Elmes, or water, or such like marke neere the place where the Cattell were left; and hee assures them that by his skill the theues had no power to carry them farther than that place. They runne and seek their cattell, which when they finde, O admirable wise man, the price of a Cow we will not sticke with him for, happy is the shire where such a one dwels. Thus doe the pore cousoned people proclaime, and so our shifter is caught too far and neere. I thinke this be iugling in the highest degree: if it be not, Cuckoo is out of his compasse. Well the world is full of holes, and more shiftes were neuer practised. But this is Cuckoes counsell that pee  
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leauē in time, lest being conuicted like my Hoast of the Anchor, ye pine your selues in prison to saue your eares from the Pillosy: an end too good for Juggling shifters, and cosening periurers.

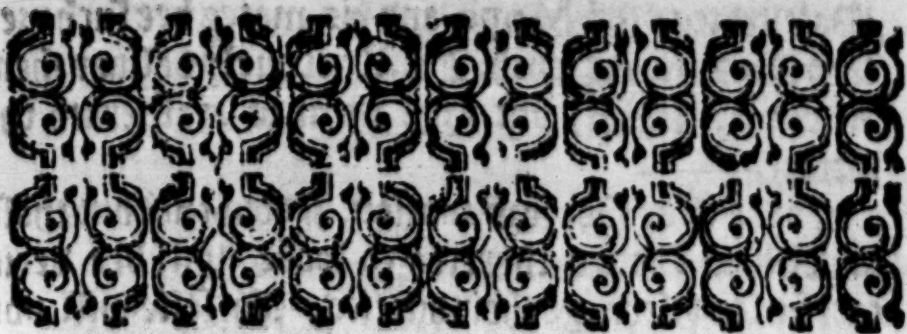
William Cuckoe.

Ha sirra, I am glad we are at an end, Kindhart was neuer in his life so weary of reading. Bespew them for me, they haue wakened me from a good sleepe, and worried me almost out of my wits. Here hath beene a coile indeede with lewd song singers, brench giuers, detracters, players, oppzessors, rentraisers, bawdes, brothel-houses, shifters, and Jugglers. But sith they haue all done, turne ouer the leafe and heare how merrily Kindhart will conclude.









## Kindharts Conclusion of his

Dreame, and his Censure on the Appa-  
ritions severally.

**F**OR memories sake, let me see what con-  
clusion we shall forme: Anthony tolde  
a long tale of Runnagate song-singers,  
inueighing especially against those lasciu-  
ious ballads, that are by Authority for-  
bidden, priuily printed, and publikely solde. In which  
I finde no reason (as befoze I said) because I beleue  
none are so desperate to hazard their goods in printing  
or selling any thing y<sup>e</sup> is disallowed. Or if there be some  
such, I perswade my selfe the Maiesties diligence is  
so great, they would soone be weeded out. But now let  
mee sound a little into Anthonies meaning: hee com-  
plaines not that these lasciuious songes howe euer in  
London they beginne, are there continued, but thence  
they spread as from a spring; and albeit they dare not  
there be iustified, yet are they in euery Pedlers packe  
sent to publike meetings in other places where they are  
suffered, because the Sellers sweare thes are published  
by Authority: and people farre off thinke nothing is  
printed but what is lawfully tollerated. Such knaues  
indeede would be lookt into, that are not content with  
corrupting the multitude, but they must slander the

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**Dialestrates.** If Mopo and his mates bee such men that I may meete with, I will not ouely deliuer them Anthonies minde, but byge them to exasperate the matter.

For Master Doctors motion, I doubt not but those which haue charge theretoo to looke will bee verie carefull to discharge their dueties. My selfe will not be slacke against wandping Tooth-drawers. Besides, I haue a Coppie of the Confederacie betweene Don Mugel Prince of Rats, and the Graund Cavalier of the Rat-catchers: which I will publish, if he dissolue not the League, to the better ouerthrowe of his Standard, being three Rats and a paire of Shackells, drawn in a white field, cheuernd with Newgate chaine, (in memorie of his long communitie therewith) and loftily borne on a byzome staffe. Neither will I alone against them inueigh, but generally against all such banner-bearers, whether they be of Teeth, of Stone cutting, or of Rat-catching. Nay, Kindeheart will not spare the Ensigne-bearer of Robert the Rifler. What though hee bee one of the head Burgeses of Knaues-borough: and sometime hath two Bearwards seruing vnder his colours, and they marshalled with Turkes, Bowes, Arrowes, Skoples, and Pyne-holes. And though Kind hart will not meddle wpyth those sports that are lawfull; yet it may bee shortly hee will speake of their lawlesse abusers.

With Robin Greene it passes Kindharts capacity to deale; for as I knowe not the reason of his unrest: so will I not intermeddle in the cause: but as soone as I can conuey his letter, where it should be deliuered.

For olde Dicke Farlton that madde companion, I haue helpt him out with his inuective against wpynging Landlords, and commend his commendation of honest mirth.



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nirth. But I vnderstand, how euer hee speaks well of  
players, there is a graze widow in the world complaining  
against one or two of them, for denying a Legacie of forty  
the shillings summe. Pittie it is (poore soule) beeing  
turn'd to their shifts, they should hinder her of her por-  
tion, for had she that, shee intends to set vp an Apple-  
shop in one of the Innes. If they pay her, so it is; if not,  
she hath sworn neuer to be good, because they haue be-  
guilde her.

For Cuckoo I haue somewhat to adde to his Jug-  
ling.

It happened within these few peeres, about Hamp-  
shire there wandered a walking Whore, that went about  
the Countrey selling of tape, shee had a good voice, and  
would sing sometime to serue the turne: she would of-  
ten be a leach, another time a fortune teller.

In this last occupation wee will now take her, for  
therefore was she taken, hauing first ouer-taken an ho-  
nest simple Farmer and his Wife in this manner.

**O**n a Summers euening by the edge of the Forrest,  
she chaunst to meete the forenamed Farmers wife:  
to whom when she had offer'd some of her tape, she be-  
gan quickly with her to fall in talke. And at the first sta-  
ring her in the face, assures her shee shall haue such for-  
tune as neuer had any of her kinne: and if her husband  
were no more vnlucky than she, they should be possess'd  
of so infinite a sum of hidden treasure, as no man in Eng-  
land had euer seene the like.

The plain woman tickled with her soathing, intrea-  
ted her to go home, which she at first making somewhat  
strange, was at last content. There had she such cheare  
as Farmers houses affoord, who fare not with the  
meane.

Shortly the good man comes in, to whom his Wife

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relates her rare fortune, and what a wise woman shee had met with. Though the man were very simple, yet made he some question what learning she had, and how she came by knowledge of such things. O sir (saide she) my Father was the cunningst Iugler in all the countrey, my mother a Gipsie, and I haue more cunning than any of them both. Where lies the treasure thou talkest on said the Farmer? Within this three myles (quoth she.) I wonder thou thy selfe getst it not (saide the man) but liuest (as it seemes) in so poore estate. My pouertie (answerd this coosner) is my chiefest pride: for such as we can yet our selues be rich, though wee make others rich. Beside, hidden treasure is by spirits possesst, and they keepe it onely for them, to whome it is destined. And more (saide shee) if I haue a senerall roome to my selfe, hangd round about with white linnen, with other instruments, I will by morning tell ye, whether it be destined to you.

The goodman and wife giuing credite to hir words, fetcht forth their finest sheets, and garnished a chamber as she appointed: seven candles she must haue lighted, and an Angell she would haue laide in euery candle-sticke. Thus furnisht, she locks her selfe into the roome, and appointes them two onely to watch, without making any of their seruants priuie. Where vsing sundrie mumbling fallacies, at last shee cald the man vnto her, whome she sadled and bridled, and hauing seven times rid him about the roome, causd him to arise and call his wife, for to her belonged the treasure.

Both man and wife being come, in berie sober manner shee tolde them, that they alone must attend in that place, while shee forst the spirits to release the treasure & lay it in some conuenient place for them to fetch: but in any wise they must not reueale about what shee went,  
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## Kindharts Dreame.

neither touch bread nor drinke till her returne. So taking vp the senen Angels away shee went, laughing to her selfe how she had left them waiting.

All night sate the man and his wife attending her coming, but she was wise enough. Morning came, the seruants mused what their Maister and Dame meant, that were wont with the Larke to be the earliest risers: yet sith they heard them talke, they attempted not to disturbe them. Moore drawing on the Farmer feeling by the chimes in his belly twas time to dine; was by his wife counselled to stay till the wise womans returne. Which he patiently intending, on a sodaine the sent of the Ploughswaines meate so pierced his senses, that had all India beene the meede of his abstinence, eate he will, or die he must. His wife more money wise, intended rather to starue than loose the treasure: till about euening one of their neighbors brought them news of a woman cosener that by a Justice was sent to Winchester for many lewd pranks. The man would needes see if it were the same, and coming thither found it to be no other, where thinking at least to haue good words she impudently derided him, specially befoze the bench: who asking hir what reason she had to bridle and saddle him: saith (saide shee) onely to see how like an Ass shee lookt.

A number of such there be, whom I will more narrowly search for in my next Circuit, and if my Dreame bee accepted, sette them out orderly.

FINIS.